

The Honorable Benjamin H. Settle

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA**

COMMANDER EMILY SHILLING, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as
President of the United States, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-241 (BHS)

**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION
OF BLAKE DREMANN**

I, Blake Dremann, declare as follows:

1. I write this declaration to supplement the declaration I signed on February 12, 2025, and submitted in support of the Motion for Preliminary Injunction in this matter on February 19, 2025. *See* ECF No. 25.

2. I have served more than eighteen years but less than twenty years of total active duty in the United States Navy. Serving in the U.S. Navy has been not only a career for me, but it is also my calling.

3. According to the Navy's "FAQ: Prioritizing Military Excellence and Readiness" regarding NAVADMIN 055/25 (ECF No. 79-1), which pertains to the Navy's implementation of the Department of Defense ("DoD") February 26, 2025 guidance (ECF No. 58-7) and Executive Order 14183, "Sailors with over 18 years but less than 20 years of total Active-Duty service by the deadline are eligible for early retirement under Temporary Early Retirement Authority

1 (TERA).” A true and accurate copy of the Navy’s “FAQ: Prioritizing Military Excellence and
2 Readiness,” updated March 14, 2025, is attached as **Exhibit A** to this supplemental declaration.

3 4. The Navy’s FAQ guidance further clarifies that the deadline to “request voluntary
4 separation or retirement [is] no later than 2359Y (UTC-12:00), Friday, 28 March 2025” and that
5 a service member who “does not request voluntary separation by March 28, 2025, ... will be
6 subject to involuntary separation and no longer be eligible for voluntary separation benefits and
7 may be required to pay back any bonus or incentive pays received where the required obligation
8 has not been met.” This includes early retirement benefits.

9 5. It is not my desire to separate or retire from the United States Navy at this time.

10 6. Aside from causing me to lose the career of military service I have dedicated my
11 life to, involuntary separation from the Navy pursuant to Executive Order 14183 and its
12 implementing guidance would have dire financial repercussions for me and my family, as not
13 only would I lose my livelihood but would lose benefits and remuneration to which I would be
14 entitled to under TERA according to the guidance.

15 7. Thus, because Executive Order 14183 and its implementing guidance remain in
16 effect, the impending deadline of March 28, 2025 is fast approaching, and I am currently forward
17 deployed in the USS Frank Cable, a submarine tender, in Guam, on March 20, 2025, I formally
18 submitted my request for early retirement under TERA pursuant to NAVADMIN 055/25 and
19 section 4.4(a)(8) of the DOD February 26, 2025 Guidance. *See* ECF Nos. 58-7 and 79-1.

20 8. I am opting for early retirement under TERA solely because not doing so would
21 result in my involuntary separation as well as the potential loss of benefits and discharge status
22 available through so-called “voluntary separation.” The loss of these benefits would result in
23 additional harm to my family and me.

24 9. Under NAVADMIN 055/25, “[t]he latest date available for ... retirement under
25 this policy is no later than 1 June 2025.” Given my responsibilities and desire to continue to
26 serve my country as part of the U.S. Navy, I have requested the latest possible date of June 1,
27 2025 for my early retirement.


1 10. It is my hope and desire that a preliminary injunction in this case would toll such
2 separation date and that should the courts ultimately find in our favor that I am able to withdraw
3 the application for early retirement under TERA.

4 11. The only reason I am proceeding with my early retirement request is to preserve
5 my benefits under TERA. I feel that I have been forced and coerced into opting for so-called
6 “voluntary separation” under Executive Order 14183 and its related guidance. I do not wish to
7 retire or separate from the United States Navy currently.

8 12.

9 I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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11 DATED: March 24, 2025


Blake Dremann (Mar 25, 2025 05:52 GMT-10)

Blake Dremann